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Builder allegedly encroaches upon secondary storm water drain causing burial ground in Channasandra to get water-logged after minor spell of rain

CASE OF GRAVE NEGLECT

BBMP keeping busy with work such as building fence that will not solve problem

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It seems nothing is immune to encroachment in the city. Let it be lakes or storm water drains, greedy builders and land sharks are ever ready to grab such places without any fear or remorse. The alleged encroachment of a secondary storm water drain has become a major problem to people using a burial ground at Channasandra.

A little rain is enough to make life miserable for the residents of Channasandra, especially those who lost their dear ones and want to bury the mortal remains. Monsoon is yet to set in but water logging is happening at the burial ground. It is alleged that a builder has constructed a compound wall on the secondary storm water drain thus blocking the flow of rain water into the main storm water drain.

"There was no water logging issue at the burial ground till last year. With the construction of the compound wall blocking the storm water drain, water

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"There was no water logging issue at the burial ground till last year. With the construction of the compound wall blocking the storm water drain, water logging is happening even after light rain
—Muniraju, resident of the area

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All work, no play

No playgrounds in 22.5% of state's schools

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Pillar to post

Jurisdiction no excuse to not take up case

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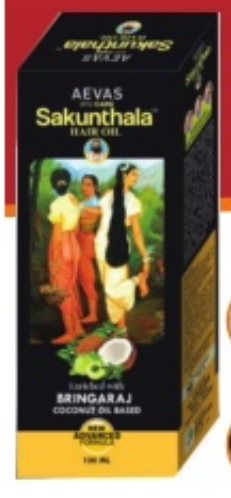

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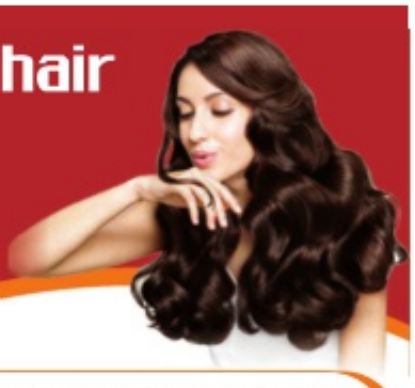

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Finance 101

UN Women and Bombay Stock Exchange in collaboration with HerMoneyTalks is organising Finempowerment along with Ubuntu Consortium for Women Entrepreneurs. Financial stability and investment planning are more important for women entrepreneurs, as they face more challenges than salaried people do.
Where: Rotary Club, Lavelle Road
When: May 5, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Register: forms.gle/Axh8iHK39W5jocJ48

02 Classical melodies

Catch the Morning Raag with Aniruddh Aithal. The concert will be a traditional Khayal performance consisting of morning melodies. In the Hindustani Classical music system, every Raag has a designated time at which they are supposed to be sung for maximum impact and effect. However, in a fast-paced world centred around efficiency and convenience, morning concerts have become extremely rare, hence a lot of raagas are not being sung. Aniruddha Aithal (vocals) will be accompanied by Shrivatsa Koulgi on the tabla and Vighnesh Bhagwat on the harmonium.
When: May 7, 7:30 am; Where: Lumbini, Jagriti Theatre; Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 Summer fun

The summer vacations have begun and it calls for different activities for our kids. Parents can now breathe a sigh of relief because the Nexus Shantiniketan Mall has the biggest kid's carnival is happening this weekend. With activities such as storytelling, science experiments, puppet shows, courtyard theatre, DIY arts & crafts, and much more, children will have an enjoyable time. **Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall**
When: May 6 – 7, 2 pm onwards

16 years on, BIAL is public authority

After long legal battle, Karnataka Information Commission puts out directive

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Legal battle dates back to March 29, 2007 when a complainant had filed a petition against BIAL alleging that he didn't get any response for his RTI query

The Karnataka Information Commission (KIC) in a directive on May 3 has declared the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) as a 'public authority', putting an end to a 16-year-old legal battle.

The legal battle dates back to March 29, 2007 when a Yelahanka-based complainant had filed a petition against BIAL alleging that he didn't get any response for his RTI query as the BIAL had said that RTI provisions were not applicable as it was not a 'public authority'. However, responding to this, the petitioner had argued in the commission that the BIAL website had claimed that private promoters held 74 per cent shares while the state promoters would hold the remaining 26 per cent.

He has also contended that the relevant portion of the State Support Agreement states that the Government of Karnataka appointed agency, the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation had provided the airport site to BIAL free from all encumbrances under the land lease agreement. Hence, the petitioner contended that there was a substantial government participation in the BIAL and the commission should take necessary action regarding his request under the provisions of RTI act and provide information.

Hearing the petition, a full bench of the commission in 2008 held that BIAL was indeed a public authority and directed the BIAL to furnish information to the complainant within a month. However, the BIAL challenged the order before Karnataka High Court which was dismissed. BIAL once again filed a writ petition which was set aside by the court and the matter was remitted back to the KIC with a direction to hear the matter afresh.

Following this, a full bench of the commission was constituted on December 21, 2022. During the hearing, the recitals in the shareholders agreement was considered which said that to facilitate the implementation of the project, the Government of Karnataka had caused the company to be incorporated in the state as a public limited company. The Karnataka government had made available an interest-free loan of Rs 350 crore to the BIAL for financing the project. Thus, not only was this loan interest-free but also subordinated to other debts incurred in the project. The contribution of the government was far greater than that of the private promoters and second only to the contribution raised by the debts.

On the other hand, the BIAL had resisted this complaint by way of filing its statements of objections stating that the complainant has neither appealed nor has he put forward his version before this commission in spite of being issued repeated notices and also afforded multiple opportunities.

The BIAL argued that the complainant was practically not interested in seeking information and hence the complaint should be closed. However, after hearing the arguments of both the parties, the KIC ordered that BIAL was a public authority.

Only studies and no playground? Thumbs down

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Playgrounds play a vital role in moulding students and those schools which lack playgrounds can hinder child growth, according to experts. The latest statistics reveal that around 22.5 per cent of government schools in the state lack playgrounds.

Suresh Gopi, a school teacher, stated, "Government schools have been ignored in the past as they have not been developed on par with private schools. While the focus in schools has been on education, there is a need to prioritise extracurricular activities as well. Most government school students are active in physical education and sports. If there are playgrounds, these students can perform better. Even in schools that have playgrounds, there are hardly any sports equipment. This is a hindrance to encouraging sports as students cannot play without proper gear."

Manohar Gowda, another school teacher, added that it was ironic that government schools lack playgrounds. Various departments have the responsibility to ensure that schools have adequate space. These days, many parents want their kids to be encouraged in doing sports. So, it is high time the government focused on providing sports infrastructure to schools as well. Additionally, playing sports outside is an expensive affair, so the government should step in to provide sports gear so that students can practice for free in schools.

During a Lok Sabha reply, the Centre stated that to address the issue of a shortage of playgrounds in schools, the Ministry has issued an advisory to state governments that schools without playgrounds may make adequate arrangements in an adjoining playground or municipal park. The responsibility and mandate to provide infrastructure in schools, in accordance with the norms laid down in the Schedule to the RTE Act, 2009, lies with state governments.

The Schedule to the RTE Act, 2009, lays down the norms and standards for a school building, including an all-weather building with other infrastructure facilities, including a playground.

"The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, is implementing Samagra Shiksha from 2018-19 to support states and UTs in strengthening existing government schools and creating and augmenting infrastructure facilities, including electricity and playgrounds based on the gaps determined."

From station to station, in search of jurisdiction

Police have to register complaints when victims turn up and cannot cite jurisdiction issues to shirk responsibility, lawyers explain

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A citizen took to Twitter last week revealing the ordeal he had to undergo to file an FIR after a shocking run-in on the road. When Neelesh Salgonkar was travelling with his wife and teenage daughter on the Suranjan Das Road in his car, he was chased by a man till BEML circle. Upon reaching BEML circle, he narrated the entire incident to the traffic policemen. They suggested that he go to Jeevan Bima Nagar police station and file a complaint. "We went to the police station; a policeman asked us to wait. We waited for about an hour. After that to ascertain whether that spot falls under their jurisdiction or not, they sent one policeman with us to show them the spot. On reaching there he told us that the place comes under another police station jurisdiction and asked us to go to that police station," claimed the victim.

This isn't the first incident of police refusing to file an FIR, last month in April, a legal researcher claimed that she was being harassed by a cab driver. Here too the researcher said that the police refused to file an FIR because of confusion over jurisdiction.

File photo of pink police patrol vehicles; according to rule police can transfer case at a later stage

> **"According to the Karnataka police's citizens charter, any person who wants to file a complaint can go to the nearest police station and the police must register it** –Brinda Adige, activist

Activist Brinda Adige explained how the process should actually work. "According to the Karnataka police's citizens charter, any person who wants to file a complaint can go to the nearest police station and the police is supposed to register the case and later transfer it to the police station concerned. What police in Jeevan Bima Nagar did was dereliction of duty, they just washed their hands off from any kind of responsibility. These incidents not only frustrate the citizens, but also make them lose faith in the system," she said.

Brinda added that at Bengaluru police has all the gadgets and resources to register a case on spot, still the traffic police in Neelesh's case didn't register a complaint and this raises a question whether the gadgets are not working or the policemen are not equipped to file a complaint.

Advocate Harish Kumar, says, "The rule states that even if the case is not of the same jurisdiction, the victim can approach the nearest police station. After receiving the complaint, the police can transfer the case to the authority concerned. If still the police are unwilling to file a complaint, the victim can directly approach the police commissioner and they will direct the specific authority to take an action."

Security systems, strict rules of entry to make campuses safe

BM checks with colleges how they ensure students' safety, especially during events, festivals

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Last week, after a tiff between students turned deadly on the premises of a college, there is an uneasy calm on campuses. A 22-year-old fourth-year engineering student was stabbed to death at a college fest at Reva University. The fight broke out over a dance performance during the college festival. Bharatesh NA, an eighth semester mechanical engineering student, was arrested. BM did a ground reality check to find out what colleges are doing to ensure safety of their students.

Colleges stress on registration of visitors during entry/exit

An official from the BNM Institute of Technology told BM, "To ensure the safety of the students, intelligence based security systems have been installed in our institution. This system monitors the CCTV footage of the students and reports change in behaviour or attitude among the students to the authorities. Students have to log in and log out at the entry and exit gate and their intentions are closely monitored. In this manner, such incidents can be avoided during the college fests."

Reema Ann Roy, a professor of Journalism from St Paul's College explained that the nature of fests have changed in the last few years. According to her, an efficient entry mechanism can be implemented where individual passes can be allotted to every participating student. "Allowing only pre-registered can also help the organisers arrange the fests more smoothly," she said.

Kiran Jeevan, public relations officer at St Joseph's University said that at St Joseph's strict security measures are in place. "Students without ID cards are not allowed inside the campus. The visitors who have to make an entry are provided with visitor ID cards. Besides, CCTV cameras are installed all over the campus and all the cameras are monitored. Apart from this, teachers and students are sensitised to report such events to the higher authorities. Students who are disturbed are advised to contact the counselor at the earliest."

Any plaints related to BWSSB? Just call in

The BWSSB is conducting a phone-in programme on May 6 between 9 and 10.30 am with N Jayaram (BWSSB Chairman). Public to discuss and redressal the grievances concerning water billing, manhole overflowing, meter reading issues and improper water supply and sanitary issues by dialling 080-22945119. A release from BWSSB said that consumers should give the RR Number details before raising a complaint. **–BMB**

Ban on sale of meat today in B'luru

In the view of Buddha Purnima, the Bengaluru civic body issued an order prohibiting the slaughter and sale of meat in the city on the day of Buddha Purnima, which will be celebrated on Friday.

"Due to the Buddha Purnima celebrations on May 5, animal slaughter and sale of meat in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limit stands completely prohibited," the notice issued Wednesday read.

Devotees celebrate the festival to mark the birth anniversary of Buddha.

According to the civic body's estimates, 3,000 licensed meat shops and three authorised slaughterhouses are in the city.

The BBMP ordered a similar ban in March this year during the Rama Navami celebrations.

A ban was also imposed during the Maha Shivaratri in February.

Buddha Purnima is celebrated to mark the birth of Gautam Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. This year, it will be observed on May 5. **–ANI**

Don't take them for a ride

Srishti Institute of Art, Design & Tech students demand transport facilities during exams

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A BMTC bus at the newly-constructed Kalasipalyam stand. Students say their commute situation has worsened in the past few days since the start of exams; their old campus was in Yelahanka New Town

Students of Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology have demanded transport facilities from their college authorities since the college merged with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), leading to the college campus shifting. Students say that the commute situation has worsened in the past few days since the start of their examinations.

The old campus was in Yelahanka New Town but has now shifted to Govindapura. Since the institution does not provide any formal housing, a large population of students live in PGs and have found other accommodations near the old campus. When the move was announced, the authorities promised that the PGs in association with the college would provide the necessary transportation.

However, the cost of this service was Rs 3,500, which many students found to be expensive. The distance between the new and the old campus is over 10 km. The public transport systems available on the route are unreliable, forcing students to depend on either autos or cabs, which turn out to be much more expensive and unreliable.

"The authorities expect us to arrive on time for our examinations but have not paid heed to our concerns. They have said that if we don't show up by 9 am, our grades will be cut off. There is also a railway crossing on the route, which we have brought to the attention of the management, but they seem not to care," said a third year student from Srishti. She added that they tried to approach the college management after negotiating a contract with the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC).

"We have been told that it would cost each student roughly about Rs 1,500 per month to avail of this service. This is less than half the price offered to us by the current third-party service. For students to use the service, the college must negotiate the contract and manage the service," she said, and added that the college has not taken any action.

> **"This is not the first time private colleges are absolving themselves of the responsibility of providing shuttle services** – Aratrika, AISA

Currently, over 500 students have been affected by the issue.

Students have noted that UGC regulations state that "HEIs must ensure reliable public transport, especially within large campuses between different sections of the HEI, hostels, libraries, laboratories, and main buildings, and especially those that do not have good access for day scholars.

Lack of safety, as well as harassment, is exacerbated when employees and students cannot depend on safe public transport. Reliable transport may be considered by HEIs to enable employees and students to work late in libraries, laboratories and to attend programs in the evenings."

Aratrika from All India Students Association (AISA) said, "This is not the first time that private colleges in Bengaluru have absolved themselves of the responsibility of providing shuttle services to students. We saw the big Azim Premji University students' movement that continued for two weeks on similar demands. These incidents expose the callous nature of colleges when it comes to helping out students suffering from financial and other sorts of issues. In Srishti's new campus, there is no BMTC service, leaving students at the mercy of Ola and Uber."

No space to rest in peace, even

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logging is happening even after light rain. The authorities concerned must restore the secondary storm water drain to avoid water logging at the burial ground," said Muniraju, a resident.

Emphasising on the need to address the issue on a priority basis, Suresh Babu, a resident of the area, demanded action against the authorities for being apathetic even when the storm water drain was encroached by the builder. "It will be very difficult to bury bodies during the monsoon. Grave diggers will not be able to dig graves. The authorities concerned have to take measures to avoid inconvenience for those who use the burial ground," said Suresh Babu.

When this correspondent visited the burial ground, a portion of the burial ground was found water-logged. Meanwhile, workers were seen busy laying the foundation to fence the burial ground. The other senseless work is the construction of a drain between the main road and the burial ground. Whenever it rains, the drain carries rain water from the main road into the burial ground.

"The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has to take measures to prevent rain water flowing into the burial ground. We plan to dig a huge pit in the burial ground to prevent water logging. We will fix a water pump to pump out water," said the contractor assigned to fence the burial ground.

When contacted, BBMP Kadugodi ward assistant engineer Venkatesh said the BBMP has allocated Rs 40 lakh for work. "A platform will be constructed inside the burial ground, a fence will be put and a borewell will be dug," said the assistant engineer.

On the water logging issue, the assistant engineer agreed that it is a new issue that has cropped up due to the encroachment of the secondary storm water drain. "I have written a letter to higher authorities to facilitate a survey of the storm water drain. I hope the encroached land will be surveyed after the State Assembly elections," he said.

Meanwhile, Paramesh V, a social activist, has lodged a complaint with the National Green Tribunal Southern Zone, Chennai against a builder for encroaching the storm water drain. Advocate AS Brinda appeared before the National Green Tribunal Southern Zone, Chennai on behalf of Paramesh. The NGT has directed the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Karnataka to make a personal spot inspection of the project and note down the violations (if any) as alleged by the applicant and file the same along with a copy of the environmental clearance (EC).

"We have no objection if the builder continues the construction of the structure within his land. But our demand is that the builder restore the secondary storm water drain," said Brinda, advocate.

Parmesh, the complainant, told BM that the authorities have to appear before the National Green Tribunal Southern Zone, Chennai to submit the official documents pertaining to the existence of the secondary storm water drain.

"I suspect the authorities are colluding with the builder. The land mafia has caused a lot of hurdles for social activists," Paramesh said.

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Burning problem

Uttarahalli

Uttarahalli is plagued by dry waste burning as BBMP fails to act despite multiple complaints.

Death trap

Chikkabanaswadi Road

Drains on Chikkabanaswadi Road near CMR College are kept open by the Major Roads department of BBMP.

Make way

HSR Layout

People are blocking the footpath on HSR Layout, making it difficult for others to walk.

Drizzle-downer

A locality flooded in dark waters

Residents of RK Township say their streets are choked with toxic industrial effluents after the rain

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A light spell of rain on Wednesday night in some areas of South Bengaluru has sparked controversy among residents of RK Township in Yarandahalli. Locals say the downpour on Wednesday has led to their streets being flooded with harmful industrial effluents from Jigni-Bommasandra industrial area.

With black slush as the remnant of the Wednesday rainfall episode, many residents of the township say they are worried about drinking water getting contaminated with chemicals from the industrial area.

Black slush that is a remnant of the rain: (inset) the Bakshi Garden slum in Chickpet

Locals allege that the issue began after Yerendahalli Lake was recently rejuvenated by a private firm under its CSR initiative. The lake has its catchment in Jigni industrial area and used to receive industrial effluents up until the rejuvenation work began in August 2022.

"The lake water used to be black due to the industrial effluent and sewage from its catchment area. We thought the waterbody should be revived and thus we reached out to the firm for the project. However, after the rejuvenation work completed in January this year, our streets are getting flooded even after a short spell of rain," said a resident of RK Township.

The issue, according to the residents, is due to a small diversion channel that has been created to divert all the industrial effluent away from the water body.

"Since the lake's catchment has only industries, the water generated is large. The diversion channel has been created to receive all the water from the watershed. This is a lot of water to be contained inside the channel and thus it is overflowing inside our layout," informed another resident of the layout.

While many families in the layout are impacted by flooded streets laced with industrial chemicals, residents fear contamination of drinking water.

"We do not have Cauvery water connection and thus all the houses use borewell water. We are worried that the chemical can easily get mixed with drinking water and impact our health. With monsoon just around the corner, the issue has to be fixed immediately," added another resident.

> **Residents say they are worried the chemicals may get mixed into their drinking water and they may fall sick**

Locals say they have informed the officials of Hennagara Gram Panchayat about the issue.

"We reached out to panchayat officials a month ago, after it had rained. The panchayat officials told us the issue will be resolved before the upcoming elections. However, Wednesday's rain proved nothing happened," said the residents.

Officials from Hennagara Gram Panchayat, they said the work will be taken up soon. "We are aware of the situation. While the work was to be taken up before the assembly elections, we could not do so. We will fix the problem as soon as the elections are over," said the official.

Wall, washed away in the rain

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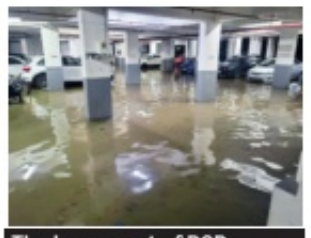
With the heavy rains on Wednesday, the DSR Rainbow Heights Apartment complex in HSR Layout Sector Two had water gushing into the basement of the building, damaging many cars and bike.

According to the residents, the force of water coming through the stormwater drain was so strong that the retaining wall collapsed and the water flowed into the houses.

At around 12.30 am, the residents heard a loud noise and when they got out to see what had happened, they saw the retaining wall had collapsed. The bikes and cars that were parked near the wall were completely damaged and one of the bikes was crushed.

" When we saw the water flowing inside, we immediately started to remove the bikes and cars from the basement. Some of the residents just left it at the basement. We did not expect the water to continuously keep coming in. But in no time, there was a massive force of water and over two feet of the basement was flooded. We then had to call the fire and emergency services," said a resident.



The basement of DSR Rainbow Heights that is flooded with water

The residents disclosed that a private builder building a house in a vacant plot had built a wall and blocked the stormwater drain and this led to the water getting diverted to the adjacent buildings.

"As the stormwater drain is blocked, we are assuming the water started to overflow. The wall was not strong enough to take the force and collapsed. We had alerted the builder even last year in November not to block the space as we have seen enough number of incidents where blocking or encroaching of stormwater drains can lead to serious flooding. However, nothing was done about it and we had to face the issue where most of the car engines were damaged with water flowing into the car," said a resident.

However, the fire and emergency services arrived at 2 am and started to pump out the water. Even till 11 am on Thursday, the water was being pumped out.

BBMP officials came and inspected in the area and were supportive towards the residents. The BBMP has directed the property owner not to block the stormwater drain, said an official.

A resident said, "Strict action should be taken and the encroachment on stormwater drain needs to be stopped. We have seen last year how in Mahadevapura the area for flooded with several houses flooded. Here in the apartment complex most of the cars were damaged now how will pay for the repairs?"

ANNEXURE 47
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Format C-1
Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon' ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of india & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate : **B.G. Govindappa S/o Galipujappa. Belagur**
Name of political party : **Indian national congress** (Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election : **Karnataka Legislative Assembly**
Name of Constituency : **No. 101 Hosadurga**
1) **B.G.Govindappa** (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

SI. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of cases (s)	section (s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
01	Additional civil and JMFC Court, Hosadurga	CC 1622/22 29-12-22	Summons	U/S 269 IPC and section 51. D.M. Act 2005

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

SI. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of office (s) & punishment imposed	Maximun Punishment Imposed
NIL			

38 of B'luru's 115 candidates have a criminal record

Want to know your candidate better? That is possible now!

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A detailed study focusing on 27 assembly urban constituencies of Bengaluru found that 38 out of the 115 candidates analysed had criminal complaints filed against them. While some of the complaints are at the stage of investigation, most are pending before courts.

Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC), a citizens' group, undertook the detailed study and has launched a 'Know Your Candidates' campaign providing details of 115 (of the 378) candidates contesting for the Karnataka state legislative assembly polls. Under this initiative, B.PAC in association with DAKSH, a civil society organisation that undertakes research and activities to promote accountability and better governance, has conducted a specific study about the criminal cases filed against these candidates. They also released a special report on the criminal complaints filed.

The report has been prepared by analysing the self-sworn affidavits of 115 candidates contesting in Bengaluru from the four major political parties and a few select independents. 11 candidates from BJP have criminal cases against them, while 10 from Congress have charges levied against them. AAP has nine, JD(S) has five, KRS has two, and Nava Bharath Sena has one. The types of cases involved are attempt to murder, cheating, corruption, disease/pandemic-related, electoral offenses, land dispute, money laundering, murder, culpable homicide, death by negligence, rioting, under SC/ST Atrocities Act, and unlawful assembly. Over 17 cases have fallen under unlawful assembly, while cheating stood at second with over 10 cases. The report also found that 21 of the candidates are graduates and eight of them are SSLC passouts, with others having different educational backgrounds. Two out of the 38 candidates are women.

Citizens attend a rally by Amit Shah; Citizen group comes up with Know your Candidate campaign

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Revathy Ashok, CEO of B.PAC, said, "This exercise is primarily aimed at educating the voter about the criminal antecedents of each candidate, and we have also gone deeper to show what type of cases have been filed so citizens can make intelligent choices about the seriousness of the cases, even though not convicted. We hope that citizens, using the power of their ballot, ensure that no politician with any serious criminal background gets elected."

> **"One of the major challenges we face is that the police stations and courts where cases are filed are not always clearly mentioned in the affidavits**
> – Leah Verghese, DAKSH

Leah Verghese, Research Manager at DAKSH, said, "While it is mandatory for candidates to declare their criminal cases, the way these cases are declared and the format of the affidavits make it difficult for us to analyse them effectively. One of the major challenges we face is that the police stations and courts where the cases are filed are not always clearly mentioned in the affidavits. This makes it challenging to track these cases on the eCourts portal, which is the official website for accessing court data in India. Additionally, the affidavits are often converted into images and uploaded on the Election Commission of India's website, making it difficult to extract the relevant information as the affidavits are not machine-readable." She urged authorities to take steps to ensure that information is presented in a more accessible format so that citizens can make informed decisions.

Battle of manifestos

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With elections just a week away, political parties are busy making promises in the form of manifestos. The independent candidates also seem to be vying for attention. Two such independent candidates contesting the elections are trying to woo 'eligible bachelors', stating that they will organise matrimonial meets to help them find brides.

Guruputra Kempanna Kullur, who is contesting as an independent from Arabhavi constituency in Belagavi, and his brother Pundaleeka Kullur, who is contesting from the neighboring Gokak, have come up with a manifesto stating that they will conduct matrimonial meets.

Meanwhile, the Congress manifesto, which promised to ban the Bajrang Dal if voted to power, has stirred controversy. On Thursday, BJP leader KS Eshwarappa burnt the Congress party manifesto. Many BJP leaders on Thursday announced their intention to launch a movement against Congress's proposal to ban the Bajrang Dal, ahead of the May 10 Karnataka Assembly polls.

As Thursday also happened to be 'Hanuman Jayanti', many Bajrang Dal workers organised Hanuman Chalisa recitals across temples, especially in Hanuman temples, between 1 pm and 7 pm. The BJP declared its support for them and also officially stated that its leaders would participate in the event.

Earlier in the day, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje, dared Congress leaders to attend the event. "Today evening across Karnataka, in all regions, we will take part in the event with the public. Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, who accused BJP leaders of not knowing Hanuman Chalisa, should attend the event," she said. "I have accepted his challenge. I am participating in the event at a temple in Malleshwaram in Bengaluru."

People assemble for a rally by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Kolar

Ticket denial causes some flutter in camp BJP

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Former Muzrai minister Krishnaiah Setty said that does not understand the logic behind the BJP denying him a ticket to contest in the assembly election despite his loyalty.

"The denial of ticket has been a big question mark for me. I won from Malur twice as a BJP candidate but later I got defeated due to caste politics in the constituency dominated by the Vokkaliga community. There are only 800 voters of the Vaishya community," said Setty.

When asked what made him contest from Gandhinagar constituency in Bengaluru, he said that he owns a house in Malleswaram. "I came to know of the problems of people, especially those from slums, during the pandemic. I supplied 5,000 food packets to the needy but later the number of food packets was increased to 40,000 food packets twice a day for people residing in 52 slums," he said.

He said that he would construct 10,000 houses for slum dwellers if he got elected to the state assembly from Gandhinagar. "My priority will be to construct houses, ensure uninterrupted water supply, and supply of electricity to all dwellings and distribute health cards to all families," he said.

He said that some independent candidates have come forward to support him in the election because of his contribution to the Muzrai department.

Coming down heavily on incumbent MLA Dinesh Gundu Rao for not taking measures to improve the living standard of slum-dwellers, he said that Rao has improved his finances and forgotten welfare work. "There are no toilets for around 4,000 families, and 1200 families at Keshavnagar are yet to get title deeds," he added.

Setty said he has been loyal to BJP

'Zero corruption' promise

AAP Karnataka will strive to be a 'zero percent commission government' if voted to power in the state, said AAP Karnataka president Prithvi Reddy.

On Thursday, Reddy told media persons that there would be no corruption, especially '40 per cent commission', if the AAP is elected to power.

"Opposition parties did not blame the BJP in the state for the 40 per cent commission. It is the contractors' association and private schools' association which complained against such corruption in the state. We will have no corruption if we are elected," he said.

He said that it would be difficult to stop people bribing police for traffic or other violations. "The major corruption centres are sub-registrar offices and RTOs. The AAP Government in Delhi has closed RTO offices. There is no need for people to visit RTOs for a driving licence. The driving licence will be delivered at home," he said.

He also said that manifestos of other political parties in Karnataka are a 'Xerox copy' of the AAP manifesto. "Majority of voters are in favour of a government change," he said.

Stating that more than 60 per cent of government schools in the state do not have restrooms for girl students, he said the BJP, instead of focusing on improving standard of education at government schools, unnecessarily raised the hijab issue. "The AAP government will take up developmental work on a priority basis," he said.

Covid check: Which is dominant variant?

XBB.1.16 has become the dominant strain in the country, data reveals

A healthcare worker collects swab samples for Covid-19 test

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More than 1,300 samples of Omicron sub-variant XBB2.3 have been detected in India, while XBB.1.16 has become the dominant strain in the country, according to INSACOG data.

The samples of XBB2.3 have been found across 24 states and union territories. At 307, the highest number of samples was found in Gujarat, followed by 183 in Delhi, 178 in Karnataka and 164 in Maharashtra, the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) data stated.

XBB1.16 sub-variant has been found in 91.7 per cent of samples in central India, 100 per cent in northeast India, 52.8 per cent in north India, 50 per cent in east India, 75 per cent in south India and 67.1 per cent in west India, it showed.

XBB.2.3 seems to be growing across the world, with the earliest samples found in mid-December in Karnataka and Delaware in the US. So, the origin is somewhat unclear, a senior scientist said.

Also, the domination of the XBB recombinant variant and its sub-lineages is almost complete in India, with XBB1.16 becoming the dominant strain in most of the country, he said. **-PTI**

Wheelie addicts: Gang of bike thieves nabbed

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A gang of youngsters, who used to steal bikes for freewheeling, was nabbed. One of the youngsters who had learnt wheeling for fun, started stealing the bikes parked in front of the houses along with five others who did not have bikes. Now he has been arrested by the Kodigehalli police and a total of 17 bikes have been seized from the arrested accused, Sharath, 22.

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The main accused, Sharath, who was addicted to wheeling with five boys, used to steal bikes from Kodigehalli, Magadi Road, Basaveshwara Nagar. Recently, Sharath was present when the Nakbandiaki police conducted an inspection late at night. That time he tried to escape before the police saw him. A suspicion was raised against him, he was arrested and checked. Later, based on his information, five boys were taken into custody and interrogated, and various bikes worth Rs 8 lakh were seized.

Serial accidents

A series of accidents took place in the Yelahanka traffic police station limits due to brake failure of a lorry. Due to brake failure, the driver hit some vehicles and then hit a tree and stopped the lorry. The tree collapsed due to the impact of the lorry. The incident took place around 10 pm on Thursday.

RPF arrests 1, seizes ganja

The Railway Protection Force Bengaluru Crime wing arrested one person and seized 7.4 kg marijuana on Wednesday. According to the police, the drugs are valued at Rs 7,40,000. The marijuana was seized in T. No. 18463, Prasanthi express at Bengaluru City Railway station under Operation Narcos. The operation has a motive to make Railway premises and trains a drugs free zone, said the police.

PM's rallies split into two

Following traffic concerns raised by various quarters, the BJP on Thursday dropped plans to have an eight-hour road-show by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bengaluru on Saturday. Bengalureans expressed concern over difficulties that they will face if such a day-long programme takes place. Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje said Modi will now hold a road-show on two days -- 10 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, and 10 am to 2:30 pm on Sunday.

The party on Wednesday said that Modi's show on Saturday would be covering a distance of 10.1 km from 11 am to 1 pm, and 26.5 km from 4 pm to 10 pm. "The public has expressed that it will be a problem if the road-show is held for the entire day. So, we have respected their feelings and spread it across two days," Karandlaje said. **-BMB**

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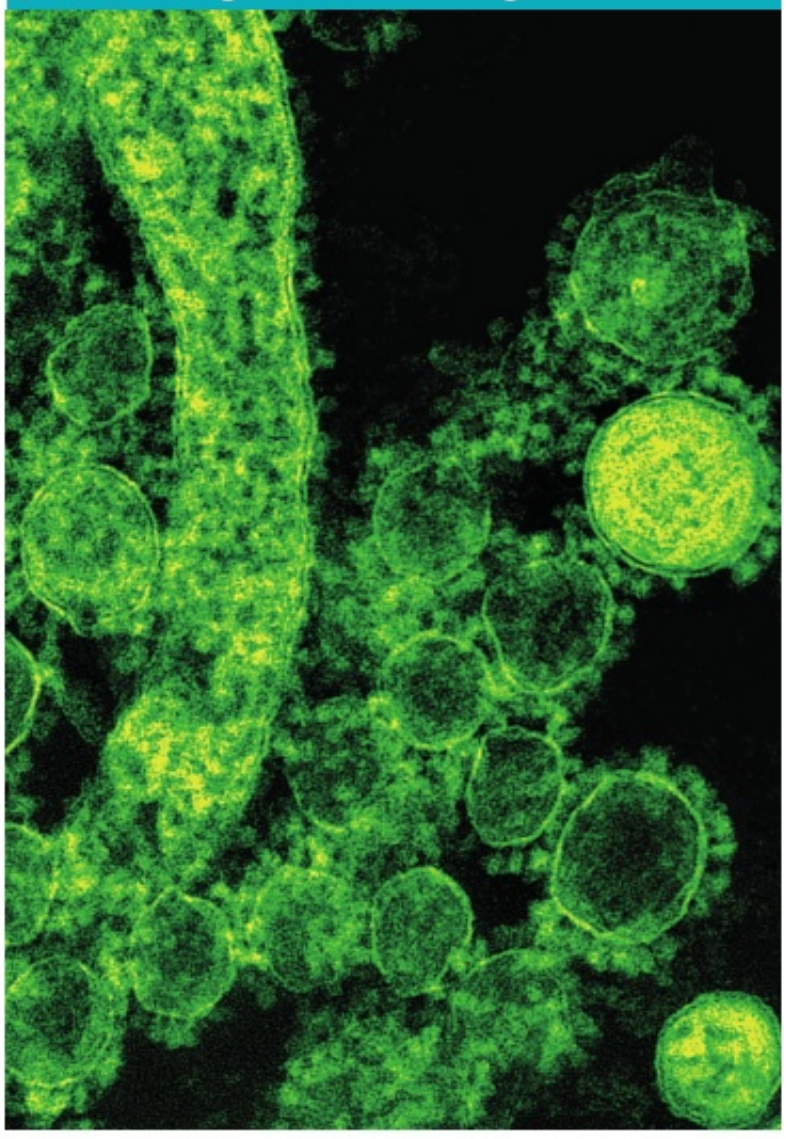

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine believe that dangerous bacterial bloodstream infections in preemies may have their roots in the infants' gut microbiomes. These infections are a serious issue because, after 72 hours of life, at least one episode of the potentially fatal infection affects half of newborns who were born very early or with very low birth weights.

Due to their immature organs and extensive antibiotic exposure, preterm newborns are more likely to contract infections. Up until recently, antibiotics were almost always administered to all prematurely born infants as a preventative measure. Although antibiotics are used to treat disease-causing pathogens, they can also disrupt the gut microbiome, which may allow virulent strains of antibiotic-resistant bacteria to proliferate.

"This is a vulnerable population," said senior author Gautam Dantas. "This is also a time when the composition of the gut microbiome is first developing. These early exposures to bacteria shape the gut microbiome in ways that will probably stay with these babies for the rest of their lives. We also have studied the gut microbiomes of infants born at full term, and we know that such babies do not have as many problems, but it's clear that the type of bugs that colonise the gut in the first few months to three years of life will determine what the microbiome looks like later on. Our study also suggests that an early look at the gut microbiome in preemies may allow us to identify those at high risk of dangerous bloodstream infections."

After birth, a baby's microbiome develops by acquiring microbes from the environment and the infant's primary caregivers. Such microbes help in a multitude of functions, including digestion and absorption of nutrients. In addition, in a more diverse gut microbiome, beneficial microbes outcompete disease-causing microbes, thereby protecting the infant from disease. In some instances, antibiotics can kill beneficial microbes, giving more dangerous and potentially antibiotic-resistant strains the opportunity to multiply and cause disease.

The most common bacteria in bloodstream infections are also commonly found to colonize the gut without initially causing disease. The researchers, including first author Drew J Schwartz, aimed to test whether such bloodstream infections come from inside the gut or from external transmission. The study included newborns admitted to the neonatal intensive care units (NICU) at St Louis Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital at Oklahoma University Medical Center and Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

The researchers performed whole genome sequencing on the bacterial strain causing the bloodstream infection and used computational profiling to precisely track the identical strain within feces to identify the strains of bacteria that had colonized the infants' guts prior to bloodstream infection.

In 58 per cent of these cases, the researchers found the gut-origin hypothesis to be true: They found a nearly identical disease-causing bacterial strain in the guts right before a bloodstream infection was diagnosed. In about 79 per cent of cases, they found the disease-causing strain in the gut after a bloodstream infection was diagnosed.

The data also demonstrated that some of the strains of bacteria that caused bloodstream infections were shared among infants within the NICU. This indicates that even in controlled environments, there still could be microbes exchanged between infants, shared by hospital staff or transferred from NICU surfaces. However, relative to other newborns in the NICU who did not experience bloodstream infections, those who did had dramatically more of the causative species in their guts in the two weeks prior to bloodstream infection.

Moving forward, Dantas said, responsible antibiotic use is key, meaning they should only be given to infants who have confirmed bacterial infections. The study suggests that it may be possible to develop a risk assessment tool to help physicians quantify the risk of future bloodstream infections by identifying whether disease-causing bacteria have already colonised an infant's gut and to what degree, a focus of Schwartz's independent research laboratory at Washington University. Ongoing studies could add additional microbiome data over time to show which infants received antimicrobials and what their impact was on potential pathogens lurking in the gut microbiome. This could empower physicians to perform rapid microbiome sequencing to determine best treatment strategies

"From this study, as well as in our lab's past studies, it's clear that we need to be better stewards of how antimicrobials are given," Dantas said. "Antimicrobials are critical; we are going to need them to treat infections, but we need to carefully weigh whether and when to use antimicrobials in specific situations. We need to make sure that when those antimicrobials are given, we have a very good reason."

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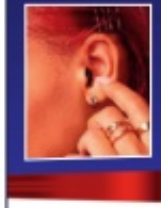

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MIRRORLIGHTS

Have PTSD? Read on

Sleep spindles, which are brief bursts of brain activity occurring during a phase of sleep, may regulate anxiety in people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), according to new research.

Challenging the findings of a recent work by other researchers, which indicated that spindles may heighten intrusive and violent thoughts in people with PTSD, this study from University of California – San Francisco (UCSF), US, throws light on their role in alleviating anxiety in PTSD as well as in the transfer of new information to longer-term memory storage.

"These findings may be meaningful for those with anxiety disorders too," said senior author Anne Richards. She said that there were non-invasive ways to harness the benefits of this sleep stage to provide relief.

The researchers studied the spindles during non-rapid eye movement 2 (NREM2) sleep, the phase of sleep when they mainly occur, in 45 participants who had all experienced trauma. Approximately half had moderate symptoms of PTSD and the other half had milder symptoms or were asymptomatic. They were made to attend a "stress visit" in which they were shown images of violent scenes such as accidents prior to a lab-monitored nap.

Anxiety surveys were conducted immediately after exposure to the images as well as after the nap when recall of the images was tested. The researchers also compared anxiety levels in the stress visit to those in a control visit without exposure to these images. The researchers found that spindle rate frequency was higher during the stress visit than during the control visit, thus, providing compelling evidence of stress contributing to spindle-specific sleep rhythm changes, according to Nikhilesh Natraj, UCSF. Notably, in participants with greater PTSD symptoms, the increased spindle frequency after stress exposure reduced anxiety post-nap. The naps in the study took place shortly after exposure

to violent images – raising a question about whether sleep occurring days or weeks after trauma will have the same therapeutic effect.

The researchers think this is likely and point to interventions such as prescription drugs like Ambien and electrical brain stimulation that could trigger the spindles associated with NREM2 sleep and benefit patients with stress and anxiety disorders.

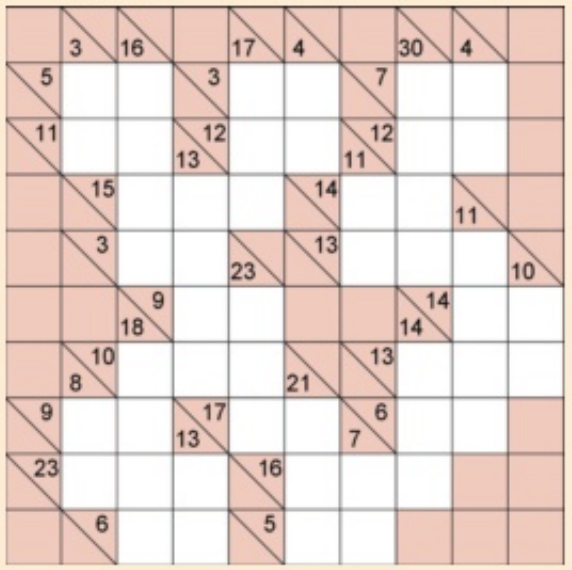
—PTI

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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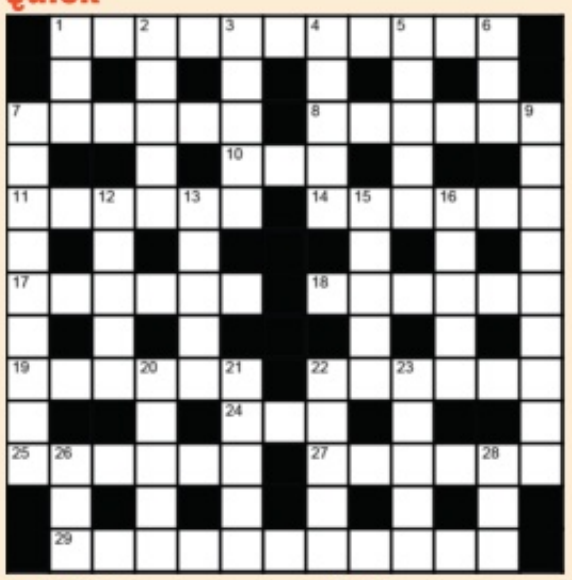


ACROSS

1 Failing to observe or deciding to ignore (11)
7 Murdered (6)
8 Sleigh (6)
10 Organ of sight (3)
11 ___ to the core : absolutely spoilt or corrupt? (6)
14 Private teachers (6)
17 The Merchant of ___ : Great Bard's famous comedy? (6)
18 General survey or assessment of subject or thing (6)
19 Small (6)
22 Bollywood's comedian (6)
24 16 in Roman numerals (3)
25 In it the old-fashioned pens were dipped before writing (6)
27 Roam freely (6)
29 Slowed down (11)

DOWN

1 An inro may be attached to it (3)
2 Showy actions (5)
3 Loaded (5)
4 Start (5)
5 Non reactive (5)
6 Wisecrack (3)
7 Restaurant at the Taj Gateway hotel known for its seafood (9)
9 Former or previous (9)
12 Dogma or belief (5)
13 Surpass (5)
15 Addicts (5)
16 ___ board : used in spiritual seances (5)
20 Let's close the ___ : let's talk no more on this subject? (5)
21 Praise (5)
22 Drying device (5)
23 Send money (5)
26 Sign of assent (3)
28 Cover (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS G

VGYBY KA PFVGKPQ MKTY AVRNKPQ RV GFUY LFB BYRM HFULFBV.

Linemaro

I found reason to smile the day I found you

Mindchow

Never apologise for showing feeling. When you do, you apologise for truth

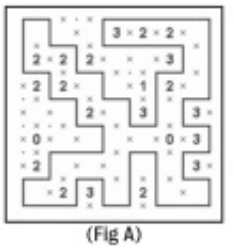
Joke of the day

Teacher: How can you prove the earth is round? Little Johnny: I can't. Besides, I never said it was

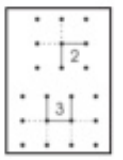
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



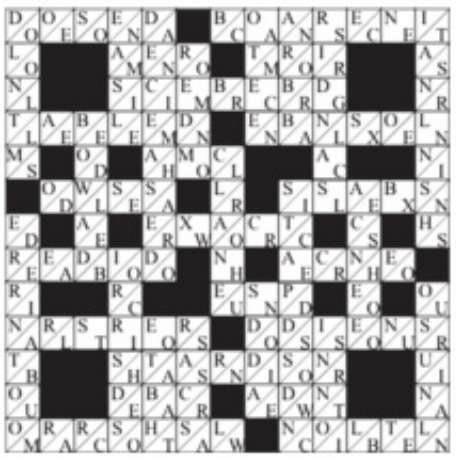
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				D

ACROSS

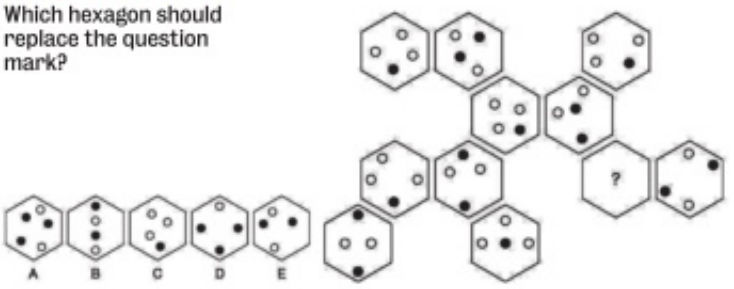
1 Two OK; 6 I a cab; 7 To let; 8 All II; 9 Id Elf

DOWN

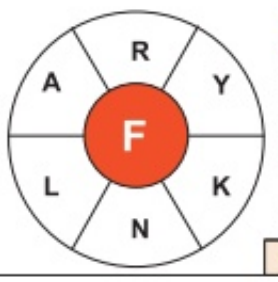
1 I flak; 2 I Lobo; 3 Eat it; 4 Lacto; 5 Wilde

Mensapuzzle

Which hexagon should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

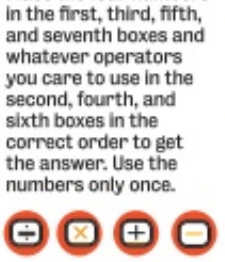
SudokuChallenge

	1	7		3		5		
						9		3
			1		4			2
		4						9
		1	5		7	3		
2						4		
1			6		9			
4		5						
		9		1		7	8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 3
1 2 6 6

Medium = 33
5 7 7 9

Hard = 29
6 7 9 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

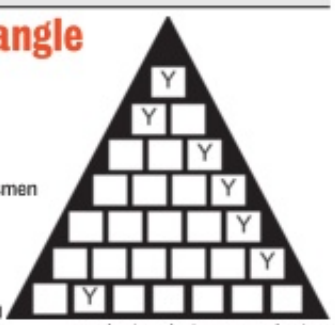
Differences: 1. Stripes on pants are thicker. 2. Ear is different. 3. Arm is lower. 4. Jacket is longer. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Woman's hat is different.

Riddler

How can you cut a cake into eight equal pieces with only three cuts?

Alpha triangle

1 Second last letter
2 Informal greeting
3 Chinese sauce
4 Prying
5 Unfeeling
6 Snobbish
7 Powerful businessmen



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

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Bizarrotrip

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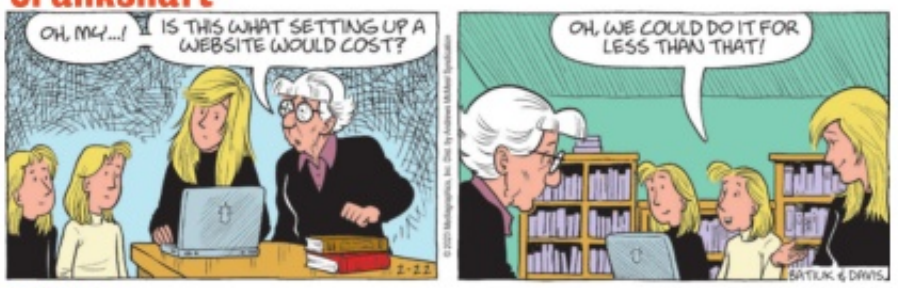
Hart of the city

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are likely to meet someone who is an influential person. With their help, you may expect good growth in your business or work. Your destiny may help you, and your losses may now convert into profits. Financial health may be on track now. Love birds are advised to make some important decisions in terms of marriage. Singles will likely find a soulmate.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may expect to get a strong position after some struggle. You may plan an overseas professional trip as well. Students can now focus on their career. You may buy some artifacts or artistic stuff for your house or office to improve your lifestyle. You may also plan to donate some amount to a charity.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull and have some health issues. Old debts may make you upset, and you will be a victim of self-criticism. You will feel guilty about silly mistakes also. It is advised to avoid adventure tours and rash driving. Your stubbornness may create some issues in your personal life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, the moon may help you improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business and work, which will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Love birds can make some important decisions about their life, but they are advised to be clear in their opinions with each other to make their future bright.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a good day. Things are now under control, and your performance may be praised by your seniors, and you may expect promotions. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered now, which may help increase liquidity in the business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters as well. In partnerships, many issues may be settled now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may hear good news in terms of a job. Job seekers may focus on cracking entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may get engaged with a soul mate. You may also hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may plan for a change in place, but it is advised to postpone the decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investing in business. By late evening, the situation may be under control, and with the help of good advice from one of the elders, you may control the messy situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may expect a short business trip. You may also expect to get some rewards for your success in your domain. Your respect around you may be increased, and you may hear some good news from siblings. Job seekers who are seeking a management job may get success. Singles are likely to get engaged.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by your elders. New sources of income will likely be opened, which will boost your bank balance, and you may plan to renovate your house. You may get a big order, which can grow your family business multiple times. Need to keep patience while signing any contract. There may be some movement in your business, and delayed projects will start again.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day. You are blessed by Jupiter, and your wisdom may help you come out of difficult situations. You may also help needy people and give your opinion to your family or friends, which may increase your prestige among them. You may have some differences of opinion with your spouse, which may affect your domestic life.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be a victim of mood swings. You may feel dull, and your health may not be okay, which affects your day-to-day routine. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. Today, you may also spend on worthless things, which may affect your financial health.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is important for your work front. You may expect to get a big order that may increase your business multiple times. Your willpower may be improved now, and you are likely to make some difficult decisions in the business very easily. Your staff is supportive of you to implement your project successfully. With the help of wisdom, you may gain control over your opponents.

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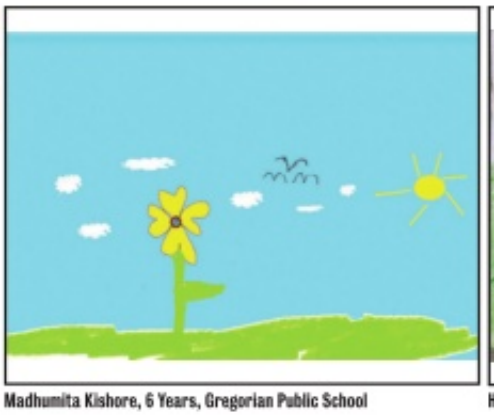

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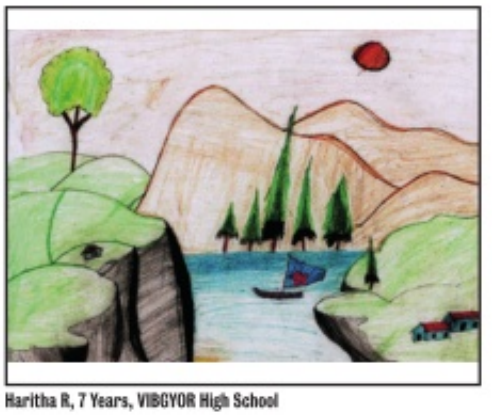

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
There are at least two options to accomplish the feat: a) Use two cuts to cut the cake into four equal pieces. Stack the four pieces vertically, and use your third cut to cut the four pieces in half. Voilà! and b) Cut the whole cake sideways first. Then cut twice from the top down in an X pattern.

QUOTE UNCODE
There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort.

FAST FIVE

K	O	T	O	W
A	B	A	C	I
L	I	A	L	
L	O	T	T	E
F	I	E	L	D

STRIKE OUT

M	A	R	S	H	A	L		N	O	B	E	L		
	S	T	A	N	D	O	N		U					

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
C: so that each adjoining pair of hexagons contains three black dots and five white dots.

SOLVE IN 1M
= √⅛ × √⅛ × √9 × √3
= √2 × √⅛ × √3 × √3
= 12

BULL'S EYE
flak, flaky, flank, flay, flank, FRANKLY, fray

SUDOKU

9	1	7	2	3	8	5	4	6
8	4	2	7	6	5	9	1	3
5	3	6	1	9	4	8	7	2
7	8	4	3	2	6	1	5	9
6	9	1	5	4	7	3	2	8
2	5	3	9	8	1	4	6	7
1	7	8	6	5	9	2	3	4
4	2	5	8	7	3	6	9	1
3	6	9	4	1	2	7	8	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
Y, Yo, Soy, Nosy, Stony, Snooty, Tycoons.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 6 − 6 + 1 = 3
Medium
5 × 7 − 9 + 7 = 33
Hard
7 + 7 + 9 ÷ 6 = 29

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Faces of Death again
The redo project of 1978 horror movie 'Faces of Death' has updated it's cast with 'The Drop' actor Jermaine Fowler

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Entertainment Industry Promotion

Arriving in style

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas, who shelled out major couple goals at the recent Met Gala 2023 red carpet have left fans mesmerised with their presence at the premiere of 'Love Again'. Priyanka and Sam Heughan-starrer 'Love Again' had a premiere in New York on Wednesday, where the "Desi girl" and her hubby Nick arrived hand in hand.

For the occasion, Priyanka wore a blush blue gown with a pouffy skirt, a giant bow on her back. She styled her hair straight and wore a simple necklace. On the other hand, Nick wore a grey suit that well complemented Priyanka's look. Sam Heughan looked handsome in his all-black suit. Pictures of Sam and Priyanka's interaction were also shared on the fan pages. One photo showed Sam giving her a kiss on the nose as she pouted.

The film is about a role played by Priyanka who gives love another chance after the loss of her partner. Priyanka's husband, singer-actor Nick Jonas has a special cameo in the movie. Priyanka also recently came up with 'Citadel', which is created by The Russo Brothers.

The show revolves around two elite agents Mason Kane (Richard Madden) and Nadia Sinh (Priyanka) of the global spy agency Citadel. Sharing details, Priyanka said, "The story is closely interwoven with the stunts. What's so exciting about these huge action pieces is that they are infused with drama and storytelling." —ANI

In the hall of fame

Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh attended the 2023 Premier League Hall of Fame, where he met stalwarts of the football fraternity. Taking to Instagram, Ranveer dropped a picture in which he is seen standing next to Peter Schmeichel, Rio Ferdinand, Arsene Wenger and Peter Cech.

"legends of football," he captioned the post.

He also bumped into fellow "gooner" and Hollywood actor Idris Elba at the Hall of Fame in London. "Nice to meet my Fellow Gooner," Ranveer wrote.

A day ago, Ranveer attended The North London derby between Premier League giants Arsenal and Chelsea at the Emirates. Attending the sell-out clash in London as an ambassador for the English Premier League in India, Ranveer cheered the players on, demonstrating his love for the beautiful game.

Taking to the Instagram story, the actor dropped an image of himself at the Emirates stadium. He wrote, "The Glorious Emirates Stadium! Home of the Gunners!"

Ranveer also shared a picture with British-Somali long-distance runner, Mohamed Farah, captioning his post as, "Best times with @hussein_mofarah."

Previously, on his partnership with the Premier League, the actor said, "I am honoured to take on an ambassador role with the Premier League." —ANI

A most fulfilling time

New platforms have created parallel world for actors, says Bhumi

Dum Laga Ke Haisha actress Bhumi Pednekar talked about the changing scenario of films and how OTT has given a platform to many movies and created a parallel world for them.

"Art and cinema are reflections of society and with changing times our thoughts are changing and we are recognising which thoughts need to be highlighted more and thus the cinema is witnessing a change. Especially with OTT, there are a number of changes and many films have got a parallel world to flourish on different platforms. For young actors and for someone like me who always tried to play different roles and become part of different kinds of films, this is the perfect and most fulfilling time," Bhumi told ANI on the sidelines of FICCI Frames 2023.

Bhumi has made her place among the audience with her roles in both commercial cinemas as well as movies with strong messages for society. The actress gave credit to the choices made by her in the initial years of her career.

"I believe every actor is a sum total of the choices made by him and I am getting good content because of the choices I made in the initial years," she added.

The 33-year-old actress is known for her powerful acting in movies such as 'Toilet: Ek Prem Katha', 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha', 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan' and many of her films are yet to come like 'Bhakshak', and 'The Lady Killer'.

She discussed being selective in choosing roles and if she is not so keen on doing movies such as 'Pati, Patni Aur Woh'. "I do get rom-com and potboilers but my preference is choosing films where I can show my talent as an actor," she said. ANI

Mom-to-be chills like a boss

Mom-to-be Ileana D'Cruz on Thursday dropped a relaxing video of herself and her pet.

Ileana took to her Instagram story and shared a video, in which she gave a sneak peek into her pregnancy phase. The actor can be seen with a cup while she relaxes in bed and also showed his dog in the video.

In the end, she also gave a glimpse of her tummy.

Sharing the video, she wrote, "Life lately."

Ileana also shared a picture of her dog sleeping and captioned it "Apparently this is comfortable?

Recently, the actor gave her fans a glimpse of how she is satisfying her cravings during pregnancy.

Taking to Insta story, Ileana dropped a couple of pictures of a black forest cake made by her sister.

Sharing the yummy cake picture, she wrote, "Preggy Perks. Especially because your sister makes the best Black Forest cake ever."

Ileana made a big announcement that she is now expecting her first child.

Ileana took to Insta and dropped a couple of pictures which she captioned, "Coming soon. Can't wait to meet you my little darling."

She, however, did not reveal the name of her partner.

Soon after she broke the news, fans swamped the comment section with red heart emoticons and congratulatory messages.

From the very beginning, Ileana has been extremely tight-lipped about her personal life.

Earlier several reports suggested that Ileana is dating Katrina Kaif's brother Sebastian Laurent Michel. —ANI